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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 15, 24, and 26-31 without prejudice.

Please add claims 32-40.

Please amend claims 2-6, 13, 14, 16, 18-23, and 25 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1~~ A method for displaying network data, comprising:
receiving said network data at an appliance operatively associated with a network,
said network data being from another device connected to the network;
displaying at least a portion of said network data on electronic display apparatus
operatively associated with said appliance, said electronic display apparatus allowing for user
interaction with and operation of said appliance; and
wherein electronically displaying data is not a primary function of said appliance,
wherein the at least a portion of said network data comprises an advertisement.
3. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1~~ claim 6, wherein the at least a portion of said network data comprises network textual data.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1~~ claim 6, wherein the at least a portion of said network data comprises network graphical data.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1~~ claim 6, wherein displaying at least a portion of said network data on electronic display apparatus operatively associated with said appliance comprises displaying the at least a portion of said network data on a display panel of said appliance.

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6. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1~~ A method for displaying network data, comprising:
 - receiving said network data at an appliance operatively associated with a network,
 - said network data being from another device connected to the network;
 - displaying at least a portion of said network data on electronic display apparatus
 - operatively associated with said appliance, said electronic display apparatus allowing for user
 - interaction with and operation of said appliance; and
 - wherein electronically displaying data is not a primary function of said appliance,further comprising:
 - allowing a user to request more information from said another device; and
 - providing additional network data to the user, said additional network data being from said another device and being based at least in part on the user's request for more information.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein providing additional network data to the user comprises printing at least a portion of said additional network data.
8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein providing additional network data to the user comprises receiving said additional network data at said appliance.
9. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein providing additional network data to the user comprises displaying at least a portion of said additional network data on the electronic display apparatus operatively associated with said appliance.
10. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein providing additional network data to the user comprises receiving said additional network data at an email account.
11. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein allowing a user to request more information from said another device comprises allowing a user to email the request for more information to said another device.

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12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1~~ A method for displaying network data, comprising:

receiving said network data at an appliance operatively associated with a network,
said network data being from another device connected to the network;

displaying at least a portion of said network data on electronic display apparatus
operatively associated with said appliance, said electronic display apparatus allowing for user
interaction with and operation of said appliance; and

wherein electronically displaying data is not a primary function of said appliance,
further comprising determining whether said appliance is in an active mode, said
electronic display apparatus not displaying the at least a portion of said network data if it is
determined that said appliance is in the active mode.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1~~ claim 6, wherein said appliance is
physically linked to the network.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 15~~ Apparatus for displaying network
data, comprising:

one or more computer readable storage media; and
computer readable program code stored on said one or more computer readable
storage media, said computer readable program code comprising:

program code for receiving said network data at an appliance operatively
associated with a network, said network data being from another device connected to
the network;

program code for displaying at least a portion of said network data on
electronic display apparatus operatively associated with said appliance;

wherein said electronic display apparatus allows for user interaction with and
operation of said appliance; and

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wherein electronically displaying data is not a primary function of said appliance,

wherein said computer readable program code further comprises:

program code for allowing a user to request more information from said another device; and

program code for providing additional network data to the user, said additional network data being from said another device and being based at least in part on the user's request for more information.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, said program code for allowing a user to request more information from said another device comprises program code for allowing a user to email the request for more information to said another device.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 15~~ claim 16, wherein said computer readable program code further comprises:

program code for determining whether said appliance is in an active mode; and

program code for disabling said apparatus when it is determined that said appliance is in the active mode.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 15~~ Apparatus for displaying network data, comprising:

one or more computer readable storage media; and

computer readable program code stored on said one or more computer readable storage media, said computer readable program code comprising:

program code for receiving said network data at an appliance operatively associated with a network, said network data being from another device connected to the network;

program code for displaying at least a portion of said network data on electronic display apparatus operatively associated with said appliance;

wherein said electronic display apparatus allows for user interaction with and operation of said appliance; and

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wherein electronically displaying data is not a primary function of said appliance,

wherein the at least a portion of said network data comprises an advertisement.

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 15~~ claim 16, wherein the at least a portion of said network data comprises network graphical data.

21. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 15~~ claim 16, wherein the at least a portion of said network data comprises network textual data.

22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 15~~ claim 16, wherein said computer readable program code further comprises program code for allowing a user to disable said apparatus.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 15~~ claim 16, wherein said appliance is physically linked to the network.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) ~~The multifunction device of claim 24~~ A multifunction device operatively associated with a network, comprising:

electronic display apparatus, said electronic display apparatus allowing for user interaction with and operation of said appliance;

one or more computer readable storage media;

computer readable program code stored on said one or more computer readable storage media, said computer readable program code comprising:

program code for receiving network data at said multifunction device, said network data being from another device connected to the network; and

program code for displaying at least a portion of said network data on said electronic display apparatus,

wherein said computer readable program code further comprises:

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program code for allowing a user to request more information from said another device; and

program code for providing additional network data to the user, said additional network data being from said another device and being based at least in part on the user's request for more information.

26-31. (Cancelled)

32. (New) A method for displaying network data, comprising:

receiving said network data at an appliance operatively associated with a network, said network data being from another device connected to the network;

displaying at least a portion of said network data on electronic display apparatus operatively associated with said appliance, said electronic display apparatus allowing for user interaction with and operation of said appliance; and

wherein electronically displaying data is not a primary function of said appliance, further comprising determining whether said appliance is in an active mode, said appliance not receiving said network data from said another device if it is determined that said appliance is in the active mode.

33. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least a portion of said network data comprises an advertisement.

34. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein said receiving occurring when said appliance is in an inactive mode.

35. (New) The method of claim 6, further comprising allowing a user to operate said appliance to respond to at least a portion of said network data on the electronic display apparatus.

36. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the at least a portion of said network data comprises an advertisement.

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37. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said receiving occurring when said appliance is in an inactive mode.

38. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said computer readable program code further comprises:

program code for allowing a user to operate said appliance to respond to at least a portion of said network data.

39. (New) The multifunction device of claim 25, wherein said receiving occurring when said multifunction device is in an inactive mode.

40. (New) The multifunction device of claim 25, wherein said computer readable program code further comprises:

program code for allowing a user to operate said multifunction device to respond to at least a portion of said network data.